

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 10 to 13 are pending in the application; claim 9 is canceled.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Raghuprasad (US 5,186,164)*. Claim 8 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 9 and should thus be allowable over the cited reference.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 9 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 has been amended to include the features of claim 9 and should thus be allowable. Claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form by incorporating therein the features of claim 8 and should thus be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

Respectfully submitted on May 12, 2009,

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